

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An elongated bumper, comprising:
an elongated bumper member having a lumen extending lengthwise therethrough for receiving an elongated light source; and
at least one tab secured to the elongated bumper member for securing the elongated bumper member to a mounting surface.
2. The elongated bumper of claim 1 wherein the at least one tab has a major surface that extends substantially parallel to an expected mounting surface.
3. The elongated bumper of claim 1 comprising at least two tabs, wherein one of the tabs has a major surface that extends substantially perpendicular to a major surface of another one of the tabs.
4. The elongated bumper of claim 1 comprising at least two tabs, wherein one of the tabs has a major surface that extends substantially parallel to a major surface of another one of the tabs.
5. An elongated bumper, comprising:
an elongated bumper member having a light source extending along at least part of the length of the elongated bumper member; and
at least one tab secured to the elongated bumper member for securing the elongated bumper member to a mounting surface.

6. The elongated bumper of claim 5 wherein the light source includes an active light source.

7. The elongated bumper of claim 5 wherein the light source includes a passive light source.

8. The elongated bumper of claim 7 wherein the passive light source is a glow-in-the-dark light source.

9. The elongated bumper member of claim 5 wherein the elongated bumper member includes two or more visually distinguishable light sources.

10. A bumper member, comprising:
an elongated bumper having a cavity for receiving an elongated light source; and
an elongated plug for plugging at least part of the cavity once an elongated light source is installed in the cavity.

11. The bumper member of claim 10 wherein the elongated bumper member includes a transparent or semi-transparent material that extends from at least part of the cavity to an outer surface of the elongated bumper member.

12. The bumper member of claim 11 wherein the elongated plug is non-transparent.

13. The bumper member of claim 11 wherein the elongated plug is transparent or semi-transparent.

14. The bumper member of claim 10 wherein the elongated plug is transparent or semi-transparent.

15. The bumper member of claim 10 wherein the elongated bumper member is adapted to receive an elongated insert, and wherein part of the elongated insert forms at least part of the elongated plug.

16. A kit for joining a first bumper member to a second bumper member, wherein the first bumper member and the second bumper member each include a lumen for receiving an elongated light source, the kit comprising:

a tube having a lumen, the tube adapted to be inserted into the lumen of the first bumper member and into the lumen of the second bumper member, and further adapted to allow the elongated light source to pass through the lumen of the tube from the first bumper member to the second bumper member.

17. The kit of claim 16 further comprising:

an adhesive suitable for providing a water tight seal between the tube and the lumen of the first bumper member, and the between the tube and the lumen of the second bumper member.

18. The kit of claim 16 further comprising:

a cap adapted to fit over the joint between the first bumper member and the second bumper member.

19. The kit of claim 18 wherein the cap includes a gasket for providing a seal between the cap and the first bumper member and the cap and the second bumper member.

20. The kit of claim 16 further comprising one or more plugs for plugging the lumen of the first bumper member, the lumen of the second bumper member, or both.

21. An elongated bumper, comprising:

an elongated bumper member having a lumen extending lengthwise therethrough for receiving an elongated light source having outer dimensions, the lumen having corresponding inner dimensions; and

the inner dimensions of the lumen being less than ten times the corresponding outer dimensions of the elongated light source.

22. The elongated bumper of claim 21 wherein the inner dimensions of the lumen are less than five times the corresponding outer dimensions of the elongated light source.

23. The elongated bumper of claim 21 wherein the inner dimensions of the lumen are less than three times the corresponding outer dimensions of the elongated light source.

24. The elongated bumper of claim 21 wherein the inner dimensions of the lumen are less than two times the corresponding outer dimensions of the elongated light source.

25. The elongated bumper of claim 21 wherein the inner dimensions of the lumen are less than 1.5 times the corresponding outer dimensions of the elongated light source.

26. The elongated bumper of claim 21 wherein the inner dimensions of the lumen are less than 1.2 times the corresponding outer dimensions of the elongated light source.

27. The elongated bumper of claim 21 wherein the inner dimensions of the lumen are less than 1.1 times the corresponding outer dimensions of the elongated light

source.

28. The elongated bumper of claim 21 wherein the inner dimensions of the lumen are oversized by a different amount for at least two of the corresponding outer dimensions of the elongated light source.

29. The elongated bumper of claim 21 wherein the inner dimensions of the lumen are greater than 5 percent of the corresponding outer dimensions of the elongated light source but less than 500 percent of the corresponding outer dimensions of the elongated light source.

30. The elongated bumper of claim 29 wherein the inner dimensions of the lumen are greater than 10 percent of the corresponding outer dimensions of the elongated light source but less than 100 percent of the corresponding outer dimensions of the elongated light source.

31. The elongated bumper of claim 29 wherein the inner dimensions of the lumen are greater than 20 percent of the corresponding outer dimensions of the elongated light source but less than 75 percent of the corresponding outer dimensions of the elongated light source.

32. An elongated bumper, comprising:

an elongated bumper member having a lumen extending lengthwise therethrough for receiving an elongated light source; and
a plug, wherein the plug is adapted to fit into an end of the lumen.

33. The elongated bumper of claim 32 wherein the plug includes a hole extending at least partially therethrough, wherein the hole is adapted to receive an elongated light source and hold the elongated light source at a position relative to the elongated bumper.